

State Board of Education
February 17, 2009
Item L

Team: Standards and Assessment

Discussion Topic: Vermont student performance on the 2008 New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) reading, writing and mathematics tests, and the College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Exams

Alignment with Goals:

Goal I: Support high-quality, innovative instruction to improve student achievement;

Objective A: All students achieving their potential.

Objective B: A statewide accountability system identifying student needs related to achievement.

Statutory Authority: 16 V.S.A. § 165 (a) and (b)

Background Information:

Results from the Fall 2008 administration of grades 3-8 reading and mathematics and grade 5 and grade 8 writing assessments were publicly released on January 28, 2009 (see [NECAP Results Packet information](#)). Full statewide results are available at: http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_assessment/data.html#necap.

The College Board released its 4th Annual AP Report to the Nation on February 13, 2008. The full report is available at: <http://professionals.collegeboard.com/data-reports-research/ap/nation>.

Purpose of Discussion:

The purpose of the discussion is to review the recent assessment results, identify significant trends since 2005 and changes from 2007 in the achievement of all Vermont students as well as to focus specifically on achievement gaps that continue to warrant local and state attention.

Cost Implications: NA

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